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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FRANKFORT, 40621-0001



## DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAID SERVICES

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## Dear Provider,

The purpose of this letter is to clarify important IMPACT Plus billing information regarding compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). This letter includes corrections to the IMPACT Plus Billing Instructions, and information regarding prior authorizations containing certain procedures codes spanning beyond October 16, 2003. Please review the following information carefully.

- The Department for Medicaid Services recently updated the Billing Instructions for IMPACT
  Plus to include revisions for compliance with HIPAA requirements. When the revision was
  mailed to Impact Plus providers, a critical piece of information regarding your group number
  and unit value information was inadvertently omitted. Please replace the existing pages of
  the billing instructions with the attached pages.
- Most procedure codes will initially be converted systematically. However, due to changes in
  the unit value, current prior authorizations (PA) containing procedure codes X0060, X0072,
  and X0086 cannot be converted systematically. Therefore, current PAs containing these
  codes with dates of service spanning beyond 10/16/03 will be divided into two separate PA's
  by Department staff.
  - ➤ The current PA will be end-dated to reflect services approved through 10/15/03. A new PA will be created for services approved for 10/16/03 and beyond. New PAs for the aforementioned codes will reflect the new CPT-4 codes, and both will be mailed directly to your age ncy.
  - ➤ For all other services, please begin billing using the new codes for dates of service beyond 10/16/03 using the existing PA.

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For your convenience, the new codes, modifiers, unit values and rates (when applicable) have been placed in a concise format on the enclosed crosswalk. Please refer to this as you begin using new codes, modifiers and units. If you have questions regarding these instructions, please contact Unisys Provider Services at 1-800-807-1232, Monday through Friday 8am to 6pm EST. You may also contact Karen Spradling at (502) 564-4797.

Sincerely,

Mike Robinson

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Enclosures